#### CHICAGO.

The Langham Hotel Fire and Its Incidents.

Semething About the Fire Department of a Big City-The Hand Grenade Fire Extinguisher - Opera Festival, Etc.

CHICAGO, March 26 -This morninga er )wd of people lined the side of Wabash avenue and Adams street, opposite the great un- fire, deliberately, and yet ready for action canny skele on of the Langham Hotel, which was destroyed by fire last Saturday night, and around which linger the subtile, morbid influences because of the sad and fatal incidents attending the blaze. And a bleze it was. Even before the clanging and the department arrived the flames spread hungrily. In a few minutes, too few to dare to state, the lower apartments of the of smeke poured from the upper windows, | half. and the long licking flames rolled up the elevator shaft. There was barely time for descape. Screams were heard, and as the flames abot out of windows, girls and women were seen standing on the casements of other windows. Ladders were put in position; men climbed to where they were, and with the flames behind to picture the scene, carried each and every one over the extension ladders, down four stories of wall, to terra firma.

It was near the supper hour. The girls of the hotel and the ladies in the house were most of them making their toilet, and none were but partially dressed, and had no time to save anything.

The first lotin ation that some of the guests had of the fire was the suffo-cating rush of the bot air and smoke through the ball into the rooms through the transoms over the doors. The gas-lights were out at the first rush of air, leaving the halls dark, save the fitful glare through the thickening smole. Clad in shawls, wraps anything hastily donned, the people took relige in the windows on the fire escape, and a few braved the dangers of the smok-

One poor woman, a Mrs. C. V. Balknap, was forced to the window of her room in the fifth story, and standing on the sill, surramed and jumped to the roof of the Hilger Block, which adjoined the hotel. But it was a fatal leap. Firemen, who were at on the roof, heard her call, and shouted to her not to jump, and were raising a ladfeet-dying and soon dead.

If the power of self-possession were exer-cised before the feeling that one must escape an impending danger at all hazards becomes most prominent, panics might be avoided. lives now lost would have been saved; sufering, dying, death might not have been in usands of cases. A clear head, a quick more to men and women in an emergency-

she had not coolly and deliberately set herahe realized the danger, but saw no way of secape, and was forced back by the blinding, auffocating heat and smoke.

She wrapped a garment about the child, who was undressed in its crib, and donned a ber arms, made her way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape need to be ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escape. She ade last way to a fire-escape way to a fire-escap the boy's arms about her neck, telling him to eling his legs around her waist tight, and with the boy's face close to the mother s neck, she began her journey downward. At each landing the boy had to stand upon the platform until Mrs. Murray had gotten through the man-hole, swung herself upon the lad-der, then she takes him again as before and goes through the almost suffocating smoke own to the next story, one more nearer the syement. And so on, and down, until near the bottom the firemen saw her and ready hands were reached up to save. The little fellow was as brave as his mother and seemed

to know that he must help if he could. Mrs. western Railroad, and the first words the child said after reaching the ground were: I went to go to Thain: Paul where papa A TERRIBLE RESULT

of the burning was the falling of the wall on the south side upon the roof of the Hilger Block, crushing it completely. At the time a number of the Fire Insurance Patrol Corps and others were at work endeavoring to save a valuable stock of wall paper in the rear of the store and pianes in Bryant's music rooms. When the wall fell over it buried eleven men beneath the ruins, three of whom were taken out dead the fourth surviving but a short time. John Walsh and Edward Jones were members of the fire insurance patrol service, William Bean was a piano tuner, and John Hennesy a clerk in the wall paper store.

THIS MORNING from cornice and sill. A crowd are quietly on the huge mass of the glistenin frested network of walls, timbers and rods, over and within which the sunshine poured, rendering the rains artistically beautiful, but in reality a white sepulchra. A sunbeam rosts upon a line of frost work, and slowly the melting effects of a springlike air are made visible upon the crystalized debris and the drip, drip—the slow dropping of water seems like the falling of tears for

One of the smartest firemen in our country was directing the work in the Hilger block when the disaster occurred, although he es-caped, and that is Captain Ben B. Bullwin-kie, chief of the fire insurance patrol. In 1871 he was engaged by a committee of Chipatrol, and the wonderful proficiency of the partment is said to be due to his executive ability, inventive genius, and control of himself and men. The headquarters of Patrol Company No. 1 is 176 Monroe street, in a building which was erected expressly for the purpose. Here the experiment of establishng a fire insurance patrol such as had been nangurated in New York was made, and the mysterious and numberless electrical can compete with the men and horses in the matter of hitching up and starting for a fire. The alarm sounds, the apparatus is out of the building, the horses are tearing along at the building, the horses are tearing along at family, having four wives, the fifth having a terrible speed, the men are in place, putting on their fireman's hats and coats they speed on and away to the fire. The time required in the day time to hitch and get into the street, is sain to be come and ene-half of a second, and when a night alarm sounds, all but two of the men which may have been more difficult for some of the younger men to follow than was the case with him.

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trap doors, or rather some sort of an arrangement in the floor which drops, forming a first sound of the beli, the two watchhitch them in a movement the hand, the great double does fly open, and the horses and patrol fly out, and the echo of the stroke upon the gong has not ceased its vibrations

"But when do the men dress?" I asked, and this is the reply: "They do not stop to dress; they are litewagon seat, and are not fairly awake until the cold night air strikes them. Eac't man has a suit of clothes ready in the wagon, and

they dress themselves on their way to the when the scene is reached.' This is said to be a marvel to firemen the

world over, and no wonder In 1873 Captain Bullwinkle issued a challenge to any company in the world, it yet remains unanswered Hone have as yet been found who would dare attempt to beat his time. In rattling fire aparatus and the brave force of 1878 a company of experts came here from New York, among them Cnief Bates, of the V. Y. department, and the editor of the Natior al Firemen's Journal. At that time, with men in bed and the horses in stall the building were a reging furnace, buge votumes | time to the street was four seconds and a

> General U. S. Grant paid them a visit in the fall of 1879, and the time then was as above stated.

> There is one feature of this business that shows the remarkable intelligence of the horses. Of course they are trained and schooled, the same as the men, and they tell me that the animals learn very rapidly. Those on the patrol now, know the difference between the signals. There is one way of sending an slarm, when the gong does not sound at all, and the horses know it. It is a single "tick" like that of an ordinary telegraph instrument. There is a special signal for a stillalarm, which consists of five "tloss" repeated three times, then the number of the station is called. The horses understand

this signal and come out of the stalls and

take their places at the pole at the proper

It was members of this patrol corps which were buried beneath the fallen wall of the ill fated block. The funeral services of John C. Walsh and E. C. Jones took place Wednesday morning. The cortege which formed in procession included a platoon of police, Nevin's band, Court Fidelity, Independent Order of Forresters, Fire Insurance Patrol, under command of Captain Bull-

winkle, and a long line of carriages. The services at the patrol house were very simple, consisting of a scriptural reading by Dr. A. E. Kittredge, prayer and song The dead patrolmen leave families. benefit is to be given by prominent members

der for her rescue when she fell at their for the families of those who werk killed and injured in the fire.

EXTINGUISHER?

Yes. Well, your correspondent has seen several exhibitions of their wonderful "pucting out" effects upon fires kindled a-purpose to be put out; and I've also seen a most remind s calm possession of self, are worth | markable failure of the extinguisher, to the chegrin of the agent, but he told the assem-bled multitude which had gathered to witan extreme moment of peril—than a host of bled multitude which had gathered to witness the display that "the grenade is a sure extinguisher of a fire, a big or little one, if Mrs. Murray and her little boy of three one only has grenades enough: you have rs, whose room was also on the fifth floor, simply to throw them upon the fire, doing so in such a way as to break the bottles so in such a way as to break the bottles which contain the liquid, and the fire is put out. She was making her own and child's out." Under the first floor of the Langham were thousands of these grenades, all ready for their agents to show to the world their wonderful power. But alse for the building! The anti-fire liquid might have been compound of spirits of turpentine, and it would not have made a brighter flame, nor more quickly distinguished itself as a non-extinguisher of a big fire, with barrels of the ater proof circular, and taking the boy in | chemicals at hand, than did the famed grenade last Saturday night.

We are sorry for the band grenade men, but the invention is not perfected, evi-

The coming of the CHICAGO OPERA FESTIVAL

is a much talked of theme. The Grand Opera Hall now being constructed in the Exwithin the interior has grown a spacious and elegant opera house, changing its entire

The greatest artists of the world are to be here, and the entire organization will arrive" on Thursday. April 2, two days before the beginning of the festival, giving time for rest and rehearsals.

Colonel Map eson's troupe is said to be the finest ever brought to gether in America. The company is to be iscreased by 100 trained voices and the orchestra by a company of home talent also. Patti is a special feature of the attractions

#### WASHINGTON.

Letter From Our Correspondent at the National Capital.

George Q. Cannon, Former Delegate From Utah, and His Successor, Mr. Caine -Senator Edmands, Etc.

WASHINGTON, March 25 -Among the familiar faces that come to the surface here in this time of general resurrection is that of George Q. Cannon, former delegate from Utab, Mormon elder, etc. He has been here most of the time since the inauguration. What is the object of his coming he does not an icy sheen still covered the walls; little mountain encircled manner icy sheen still covered the walls; little what is the object of his coming he does not adjoining Utah. Is this true?"

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The present each opera in a style and manner in the companies in a style and manner in the companies in the companies in a style and manner in the companies in the compani home at the heart of Mormonism. He finds farm without irrigation, and as water is this admirable company, and those that have a good many acquaintances here, perhaps a good many friends, for it must be admitted that, omitting his frank enunciation of his belief in the peculiar feature of his church faith, polygamy, Mr. Cannon was an exemplary citizen while here. Indeed, if other members of Congress would lead lives half as correct in appearance as did Mr. Cannon, there would be many less scandals and much less of reproach regarding lives of Congressmen in general. In all the long years that Mr. Cannon was here, and in most cases he came quite alone, and, not accompanied by any member of his numerous family, there never was heard any attack on his habits while here, though of course an opportunity to do so would have been even more promptly accepted than in many other cases. What has brought him here now is not certainly known. Probably he hoped by coming to learn what the course of the new administration was to be toward the Mormons. If he has succeeded in finding any comfort or appliances relative to the perfectness of the reason to believe it will be less vigorous than object were here put to practical tests. The wagon stands directly in the center of the main floor, and the horses' stalls are on either side, under the stairways that lead to a large bed-room above. Electricity alone

died some time since. Whether he has fol-

lowed the professed course of some others of

the leaders in putting away all but one of

just occupied it, for, though it was begun be- not only to marry but to beget children. fore Brisbam Young's death, it was not fin- Our families are very large. Instead of one ished when Mr. Smith became President. or two or three children as in the case of the When the law was passed he called his East, it is not unusual for our families. wives together and explaining the law as where there is but one wife, to consist of enacted, said that he did not want to be a ten or twelve children. Marriage is considlaw-breaker or to set an example of defging the law, even though he considered it a great injustice. So he said he thought it infanticide among us, in any form or stage; was best for their marriage relations to end, | no matter how rarely, it is considered murand that they should no longer occupy the der. The result is that we have a very rapid same residence. He gave his wives their increase in population." rally shot out of a sound sleep upon the choice of remaining in the new house together or of going to the old one again, saying that if they would stay there he would go back to the old one himself, or if they preferred to go to the old one he would stay



in the new one. So they went to the old one again, and the President has lived entirely alone, and without marriage relations with any of his wives since that time." "Have there been any polygamous mar-

ringes since the enactment of the Elmunds aw, Mr. Caine? Only one so far as I know. On that one there is to be a trial next month." 'Then it looks as though the result of the

Edmunds law, if enforced, might in time be the end of polygamy, does it not?" Perhaps; it is pretty hard to say. Polygamy is not as widely practiced as is supposed by many people, and its entire disappearance from the practices of the Moresons would not be a n atter of so much moment as many be-

"How many polygamists are there in the Mormon Church, Mr. Caine?" "That can not be definitely answered, but from what information I bave I do not think there are more than 3 000 polygamous families, or, in other words, not over 3,000 men who have more than one wife each. You our wemen vote there. Well, the report of the commissioners who enforced the Edmunds law stated that the law which prevented polygamists, men or women, from voting distranchised about 12,000 persons. YOU'VE HEARD OF THE HAND GRENADE FIRE Well, to be a polygamist, of course every



man must have at least two wives. So, when ,000 men are prohibited from voting, donble their number are of course prohibited. So that would make 9,000. Then there are some widows of deceased polygamists who are prohibited from voting and a few others who are affected by the law, and, besides that, some few cases where men have more than two wives each. So I think, taking this basis of 12,000 votes affected by the law, that it is a reasonable inference that there are not more than 3,000 men who had, at the time the Edmunds law was passed, more than one wife each."

'and how many are there in the Mormon "About 250,000, I think, in all—a quarter of a million—and out of the number only

12,000 that can be by any sense classed as polygamists or are affected by the law relating to it. That shows how little is known about our systems and how great are the | wiity operas, "Pirates of Penzance," "Masmisrepresentations to which our church is

"Is it because the others do not believe in polygamy that it is not practiced by a larger proportion? Take your own case, Mr. Caine; you are a Mormon, but not, it is understood, a polygamist."

a Polygamist. No that is not the reason that rates of Penzance," Saturday night. it is practiced by the majority, for all Mor. Amy Gordon occupies the same place in purmons believe that man may under certain circumstances take more than one wife. We found it to be part of the Bible, and that it a beautiful form, natural grace, and a mehas been recognized and sanctioned by the | lodious voice. Her support numbers such Almighty from the beginning down, though | people as Mr. Paul Baum, Mrs W. A. Morit was given by special revelation to the gan, Mr. C. Gilbert, Miss Adelle Barker and founder of our church."



scarce, it is quite natural that they should look for other and more satisfactory locations. There are some Mormons in Utah, some in Arizona, and perhaps some in the other Territories."

"And are they living in polygamy there as well as in Utah?" "Few, if any. I don't believe there are any. There ere certainly no polygamous marriages in any of the other Territories, for they cannot be made anywhere

except at Salt Lake City. It

a great privilege, and one which is only granted by the church and on the most careful examination, showing the person is in every way fit to enter upon this state; that he is able to support a second wife or a third as the case may be, and that he is fit in every way to assume the increased responsibility. It is a high privilege which few men obtain, and it is never granted outside the home of the church.

"You speak of the rapid increase of the

ered one of the religious duties, and the rearing of children the same. There is no

of Mormons become Mormons themselves" Not all, but a very large proportion. There are occasional cases where they do no there are cases where those who accept the Mormon faith renounce it, but they are

"They have that privilege without re-

straint?" "Certainly," he said, with an amused smile. "They are as free as anybody in tuis country; they do as they like in these matters. Take my own case, for instance. I was not reared a Mormon. I went there from New York City over thirty years ago, having eccepted the Mormon faith after an examination in New York. I have always had perfect freedom of speech and thought, and have rever had any restraint about speaking my mird, even to Brigham Young himself, for

I was much with him in his lifetime." "What do you think of the published statements a few days since, that the church was thinking of doing away with polyg-

"I think there is nothing in it. It would be impossible. It is a part of our religiou, and a part of the church faith. It is not impossible that polygamy may be dropped as a matter of policy. But the Mormon Church as long as it exists will hold as one of its vital principles that it is right, under certain circumstances for a man to take more wives than one. We believe it is so, that it has always been so that God has always countenanced it, that the great social evil, which is the greatest cancer that society has to contend with, shows it to be so, and that the world would be infinitely better off and happier and purer in every way if our way of thinking and our prac-tices were general. You will admit everybody admits that the social evilss are productive of the greatest harm to society. It makes outcasts of women, waifs of chiloren, breaks up homes, makes violation of the marriage plight a thing of common occurrence, and is the cause of more suffering | season, one of which he will probably acthan any other feature of the dark side of life Well, we do away with this. By our system we have none of it. It is absolutely unknown with us. Chastity is as solemn a yow with us and is as religiously kept as with a nun or a priest. The violation of this is considered a crime next to murder. The evil which breaks up homes with you happy, which causes so much misery in every form, is absolutely unknown with us, and might be unknown everywhere if our everywhere. The cast is now the strongest system were adopted.

Senator Edmunds and the Edmunds' law are the object of anything but affection on the part of the Mormous. They pronounce his law tyrannical and unconstitutional. It is, they ray, ex post facts in that it includes in its workings all who have ever lived in | next. Whenever it occurs it will certainly polygamy, no matter if they be now wid-owers, without a single wife, or widows. The manner in which the law is enforced, they say, is tyranny. Whether the new Administration will give them any more satisfactory administration of the law they say they are not able to determine. Mr. Edmunds himself is understood to be of the opinion that the law will gradually work great benefit, and, with some additional legis ation and the strict enforcement, may work a final disappearance of polygamy.

Judge Carleton, one of the Utah Commission, leghere. He says of the recent Supreme Court decision, "It is substantially in favor of the Commissioners and the validity of the law. The Court has held that the affidavits required of voters prior to registration are invalid Therefore, some other means of discrimination between those who are polygamists and those who are not will have to be devised. The Mormons in Utah have been expecting that the Court will hold the aw, or most of it, unconstitutional and invalid, and I think that this decision will the Federal Government."

In a few days the other members of the commission will be here, for the purpose of conferring with the President and other officers of the Executive government, preparatory to resuming operations in Utah early in April.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

THE AMY GORDON COMIC OPERA COMPANY AT

Commencing with to-morrow night, the Amy Gordon Comic Opera Company play a week's engagement at English's, producing all of Gilbert & Sullivan's sparkling and cotte," "Olivette," "Billy Taylor," "Girolfle Girolfla," "Fra Diavolo." The last mentioned will be put on to-morrow night, and Wednesday matinee; "Girolfia Girolfia," Tuesday night: "Mascotte," Wednerday night; 'Oit vette," Thursday night; "Bully Taylor," Fri-"I am," he smiled, "a Mormon and not day night and Saturday matinee; "Pi-Ostes some years ago. Ehe is possessed of several other well known artists of ability. "It has been stated," Mr. Caine, "that The wardrobe and stage effects are mostly tion, Mormonism is spreading into the Territories new and costly. Much care has been taken The seen them will not hesitate to recommend them as singers and actors who strive and never fail to please an audience no matter how critical. MINNIE MADDEEN AT THE GRAND.

The Grand Opera House will remain closed until Wednesday evening next, when the charming little American actress and accomplished arust, Minnie Maddern, will return for two nights, appearing in her great success, "Caprice," by Howard P. Taylor, co-author of "May Blossom. She will have the support of her original New York company, including Mr. Henry Miller, T. J. Herndon, Percy Brocke, Harold Russell, Cyril Scott, Errall Dunbar, Norman Tearle, Charles King, Robert Sinclair, F. W. Strong, Mary Maddern, Miss Lillian Wallack and Miss Mary Wheeler.

NEW OPERA AT THE GRAND, It is seldom that any of the light opera companies visiting this city present any but the works which have been known for years, and which are the common property of any who wish to use them. When, therefore, a company arrives which has for years past played only those operas which are of recent date and which are played by no other organization, it is a novelty in itself worthy of attention. This has been the practice of the McCaull Opera Company, which will be at the Grand Opera House next Friday and Saturday, producing their latest New York handsome Castle, of the Abbott troupe, success, "Falka" and it has gained a reputa- during the rendition of "Fra Diavolo" by tion for the excellence of the company, the elegance of the costumes, besides the entire novelty of the operas presented in New York City. This opera is the best in their repertoire, and combines good muste and fun in an excellent manner.

THE HYERS SISTERS. The famous Hyers Sisters' Colored Comedy Company will appear for one week at Lyra Hall, commencing to morrow night. This is their first appearance since their return from Europe. They will introduce new quartets, new songs and new specialties, and will also appear in a three act piece entitled "The Blackville Twina."

THE DIME MUSEUM. Drew & Sackett's popular Dime Museum | headache. Take no "| losed another immensely successful week | twenty-five cents a bottl

st night, after having played to over 25,000 reople. For the coming week another imense show has been booked. All curiosiis remain another week, with the excepmen of "Baby Venus," and several new ones will be added. The stage performance will be given by Edward's "Drolleries," an excellent comedy company. The principle membersare Maude Walker, vocalist: Mazgie Evans, comedienne; May Smith, petite souprette and vocalist, Frank Lester, charanor comedian, C. A. Chalfant and James S. "And do all who are sons and daughte's | Edwards, the funniest men on earth. The scimission to all is only ten cents.

> JOHN R. DORIS' NEW MONSTER SHOW. This immense attractive aggregation which has been wintering in this city the past sesson, has been doubly enlarged and wonderfully improved for the ensuing season. Is without a doubt one of the largest and most complete shows traveling. Too much can not be said to presouram usement loving people to attend John B. Doris' New Monster Shows consolidated with the Great Inter-Ocean. Triple circus in three separaterings, mu:eum aquarium, elevated theater stage, and fifty-cage memagerie-twelve shows in one. They will positively see the greatest show on earth. More new novelties, attractive features, curiosities, arialists, bicyclists, jugglers, roller skaters, athletes, gymnasts, equestrians, equestriennes, rare animals, horses, costumes riders, charlots, cages, wagons, lordly birds, towering animals, mammoth beasts and overpowering and truly tremendous features than ever did exist or can possibly be gathered together

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thing of value and spiendor that money

Chanfrau will appear at English's shortly. Manager English is expected home tonight or on the morrow. Thorne's "Black Flag" will shortly be seen

at the Grand Opera House. Booth, Rhea, O'Neill, Lotts and Davenport have been among the successful financial

stars this season. Mr. James V. Cooke, of the Grand Opera House, has been offered several good positions with traveling companies for next

"The Elks" give another one of their enovable socials one week from to-night. Members of the lodge are requested to secure their invitations for friends at the mest-

Minnie Maddern has met with great success in the West and South since she was here in the early part of the sesson. Her new play, "Caprice," has been well received

she has ever had. Rhea has had three different offers to play in New York next season, and her manager, Mr. Morrissey, will probably give a Rhea eason of modern comedy at one of the fashionable up town theaters in October

Mr. Frank Percy Weadon is now engaged in writing for the rising young comedian, Edwin Ray (E R. Nowland) a new tercial comedy, entitled "The Corner Drug Store; or, Where are the Babies?" It is said to be similar in treatment and text to those popular successes, "A Rag Baby" and "A Parlor

Manager McCaull has now about 250 artits employed in his four companies, at an aggregate weekly salary of \$8,000, and has over 2,000 costumes in his wardrobe at the Casine, New York. Add to this the royalties he pays for new operas (and no other opera company now on the road pays any royalties whatever) and it will be seen that it costs a pretty penny to run opera.

No manager has ever ventured quite so heavily into light opera as John A. McCaull the present season. He has been furnishing the entire entertainment for the season at the Casino, New York; Haverly's Philadelphia, and the Bijou Theater, Boston, and has also kept a fourth company constantly show to the people of Utah the futility of has also kept a fourth company constantly longer continuing in defiance of the laws of traveling in other cities. One of his companies will be at the Grand Opera House Friday and Saturday of next week, in

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The principal feature of the musical happenings for the past week has been the season of English opera at Dickson's by the Abbort Company. As an artistic success the engagement was the best of the season, and the operas presented were all highly appreciated by those in attendance. The music of the new opera given, "Semiramide," is generally pronounced magnificent by all of our local critiques. The young folks have been flocking to English's during the entire week to witness the production of the charming little operetta, "Cinderella, or the Giass Supper." On Friday evening at Plymouth Church the Glee Club of Amberst College gave a delightful and novel entertaiment, introducing their songs, glees, etc., as rendered in their college sessions. We have had nothing in the way of local concerts, but all of the various societies are hard at work for future public appearances.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. John Geiger has united with the Lyra

Louis Ostendorff is now leading the Me-

ridian Rink band. Miss Winnie Willard is a new candidate for public favor as a contratto.

Jessie Meek, in company with Chicago friends, is visiting the New Orleans Exposi-The chorus at the First Baptist Church still

retains its high standing under direction of Professor Barus will preside at the organ in the arrival of the newly elected pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Fred Loomis will render the bass solo,

"Thy Sentinel am I," at the next Lyra concert. He will be accompanied by the full orchestra. Annandale covered herself with glory during the recent Abbott engagement and

made many friends among our people, who will welcome her return. The Hollywood family at English's the past week are children of our old fellow-citi-

zen, Richard Hollywood. The ladies of the "Matinee Musicale" are about to treat our music lovers to a concert by the famous Mendelssohn Quintette Club,

Paul Krauss is rapidly advancing to the front as a solo singer in the Maen nerchor. He is rivalled in this respect by his brother Charlie, of the Lyra. There is undoubtedly a bright future before Miss Lottie Adams, the gifted lady who

interprets the contralto roles in the Magnnerchor operas. The Wigwam Rink having closed its doors, the band at that resort has joined forces with

that of the Meridian Rink, making one of the best and strongest rink bands in the Our lady friends who were so enthusiastic and delighted at the visit of the talented and

home talent, have had this week an opportunity of renewing old acquaintances. One of the taking features of the "Semiramide" performance was the brass band, which perambulated the stage in Oriental costume, composed of the following wellknown musicians: Perry Ingalls. Louis Ostendorff, Otto Pfafflin, Frank Carlin, Ed Griffith, B. Sweitzer and F. Schellsmidt. Each appearance of the "Komikal Krowd" was greeted with shouts of applause and laughter from the numerous friends in the

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